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DALLAS, TEXAS

KENNETH TRAVIS WILL DIRECT CHORAL CLUB

Kenneth Travis, Director of the City Temple Church Choir, has consented to accept the leadership of the USDA proposed Choral Club.

Mr. Travis studied under Dr. John Fenley Williamson, Head of the Westminster Choir School in Princeton, New Jersey. He uses the same method as Fred Waring and Robert Shaw, who also have been through Dr. Williamson's Choir School. Travis also studied under Noble Cain, Director of the Choral Division of NBC in Chicago. He has studied bass violin, 10 years of piano, and 12 years of voice.

The new director has played in Corpus Christi Symphony, directed Shubert's Choral Club of Dallas, Ladies and Girls Choirs, Church, A Capella, etc. He is connected with Internal Revenue, Santa Fe Building. Music is his hobby.

The Club needs a pianist. Can you play?

Members may bring their husbands and wives, who are invited to sing with the Club.

Call Sta. 689, Mrs. Bonnie Williams for information.

DALLAS PMA OFFICE EXPANDS

The PMA Commodity Office is in the throes of some far reaching changes in its size and responsibility.

The office has had transferred to it certain responsibilities pertaining to the merchandising of grain products heretofore carried out by the Kansas City PMA Commodity Office.

These responsibilities are concerned with the merchandising of grain and have required the addition of new personnel and space.

The new cottonseed loan program has also increased the workload of the office.

A number of new employees have already entered on duty and it is expected that there will be more.

New space was secured on the 6th floor of the building, 1114 Commerce Street, and necessary moves have already been made.

FDA CREDIT UNION HAS ANNUAL MEETING

Dividends Declared

FDA Federal Credit Union held its annual meeting on January 25th at which time dividends of 4½% were declared.

Vacancies on the Board of Directors were filled with Otto Beckwith and Rector B. Meyer elected for the usual period of two years.

A phenomenal growth was registered for the Union in 1949. Records show the assets to be tripled and membership increased more than 65%.

PRESIDENT FARRELL ANNOUNCES MEETING.

William F. Farrell, President USDA Club, has announced a meeting for the Board of Directors and Officers of the Club to be held on Wednesday, February 8th.

Farrell has asked that this date be reserved. Plans for the Club's work during the coming year will be discussed.

President Farrell's official duties as Regional Attorney for the Office of the Solicitor have caused him to be out of the city for the past several days.

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ENTERS 2ND YEAR

The USDA Club News became Volume II, Number 10, in January of this year. Ozell Waller (Collins), Information Specialist, PMA's Information Branch, established the paper in March 1949 and remained as editor until January 1950.

Miss Waller's work was highly complimented at the Board of Directors meeting held this month.

Ozell has consented to be a member of the Committee on Correlation and Public Service this year and contributed the column "Did You Know" in this issue.

COLONEL MORRIS ELECTED PRESIDENT CREDIT UNION

Colonel Arving E. Morris, Traffic Officer, Transit Rates and Routing, T&W Branch of PMA, was elected by the new Board of Directors of FDA Federal Credit Union at a meeting of the Board held on January 30th.

Hold-over officers of the Union are Harrison Churchill, Vice President; Mrs. Margaret M. Cox, Secretary; and Mrs. Neva M. Russell, Treasurer

DID YOU KNOW

...that the aim of the Agricultural Research and Marketing Act of 1946 is to put agricultural research on a par with industrial research in order to reach a balance between agriculture and the rest of the national economy?

...that USDA and industry are working together to find out what foods consumers prefer, so they will get more of these in the future and create larger markets for farm products?

... that new uses for farm products offer one of the greatest hopes to the farmer for making use of the increasing production of American farms?

...that studies are underway to increase efficiency of marketing of farm products in order to reduce the price spread between what consumers pay and what farmers receive?

...that in one recent experiment on shipment of tomatoes over a long haul, 8 pounds out of every 30-pound lug did not reach consumers because of decay, bruises and insect damage?

...AND that the above loss in marketing was one reason why consumers paid a much higher price for the tomatoes than the farmer received for growing them?

About 83% of the Soybean crop grown in the U.S. is used to produce beans for food, oil and oil-meal. Until 1940 the crop was used mostly for forage.

USDA CLUB FUNDS SHOW BIG RISE

The final report from USDA Club Treasurer, Tulane Smith, shows that there is over 16 times as much money in the Treasury as compared with the balance of this date last year. Mr. Smith gives the following report:

Upon assuming the office of Treasurer of the USDA Club, there was a balance of \$7.05 in the Mercantile National Bank of Dallas.

There has been deposited to the Club's account during the year 1949 a total of \$200.17 making a total amount available to the Club of \$207.22. These additional funds were derived from sale of tickets to picnics, parties and from other sources.

The expenses of the Club during the year were very modest, totaling only \$90.66. This money was expended for such things as picnic expenses, entertainment of the Secretary of Agriculture and other party expenditures.

The balance in the bank which was turned over to Mrs. Jessie Boney, the new Treasurer, is \$116.56.

It has been a pleasant job being Treasurer.-- TLSMITH